

Fostering Partnerships to Fast Track UNCAC Implementation

***Sharing by the
Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau of Singapore***



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The Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau of Singapore



- ❖ Established in October 1952;
- ❖ Authorised to investigate corruption offences (both public and private sectors);
- ❖ Functional independence;
- ❖ Anti-corruption public education and prevention programmes.



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Regional Conference on Fast Tracking the Implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in Southeast Asia



- ❖ Well attended; robust discussions by 10 ASEAN countries, private sector and CSOs
- ❖ Outcome Document "Recommendations of Regional Conference on Fast Tracking the Implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in Southeast Asia"



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Outcome Document of Regional Conference



UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

Recommendations of the Regional Conference on Fast-Tracking the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in Southeast Asia Bangkok, 31st January – 3rd February 2017

The high level representatives and substantive experts in the workshop "Fast-tracking Implementation of UNCAC for Economic and Social Development in Southeast Asia", representing government ministries, anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies, prosecution services, state audit institutions, public government agencies and financial intelligence units from Southeast Asia,

Recognizing the importance of fighting corruption for the achievement of social and economic prosperity as highlighted by the Sustainable Development Goals;

Committed to implementing the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC);

Recognizing resolutions of the Conference of the States Parties (COSP) to UNCAC 4/1 of 28 October 2011 and 3/4 of 13 November 2009 endorsing country-led and country-based, integrated and coordinated delivery of technical assistance programmes and encouraging donors to accord high priority to technical assistance to implement the Convention;

Recognizing resolution 6/1 of the COSP of 6 November 2015 which calls upon the States Parties to use the outcome of their country reviews to strengthen their anti-corruption framework, including through technical assistance, where requested;

Underlining the importance of the ASEAN Political Security Community Blueprint 2013 stating that one of the key elements of the rule-based, people-oriented, people centred community is to instill the culture of integrity and anti-corruption and mainstream the principles thereof into the policies and practices of the ASEAN Community;

Recognizing that one of the strategic priorities of the ASEAN - UN Plan of Action is to support ASEAN Member States in the implementation of UNCAC and the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation for Preventing and Combating Corruption, including through collaboration with the Southeast Asia Parties against Corruption (SEA-PAC);

Recognizing the commitments made at the International Anti-Corruption Summit held in London, United Kingdom, on 12 May 2016;

Highlighting the importance of strengthening anti-corruption efforts in the following priority areas:

- ❖ Highlights possible initiatives in relation to strengthening anti-corruption efforts;
- ❖ Encourages States Parties to assess their respective state-of-affairs relating to the priority areas;
- ❖ Possible reference point for States Parties to consider enhancing cooperation and partnership.



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Recommendations from Bangkok Conference

- ❖ Current domestic framework covers significant portion of conference recommendations.
- ❖ CPIB's sharing will focus on following priority areas:
 - 1. Increase Specialised Knowledge
 - 2. National Cooperation
 - 3. Internal Guidance
 - 4. Protection of Reporting Persons and Witnesses

Recommendations from Bangkok Conference – CPIB's Perspectives

1. Increase specialised knowledge

- ❖ In-house specialised courses in financial investigations (Singapore, Sep 2017)
- ❖ 3rd Anti-Corruption Executive (ACE) Programme (Singapore, Oct 2017)



- ❖ In partnership with other regional partners
 - Joint CPIB-OSCE Anti-Corruption Workshop (Vienna, Feb 2017)
 - 20th UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme (Tokyo, Nov 2017)



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2. National Cooperation

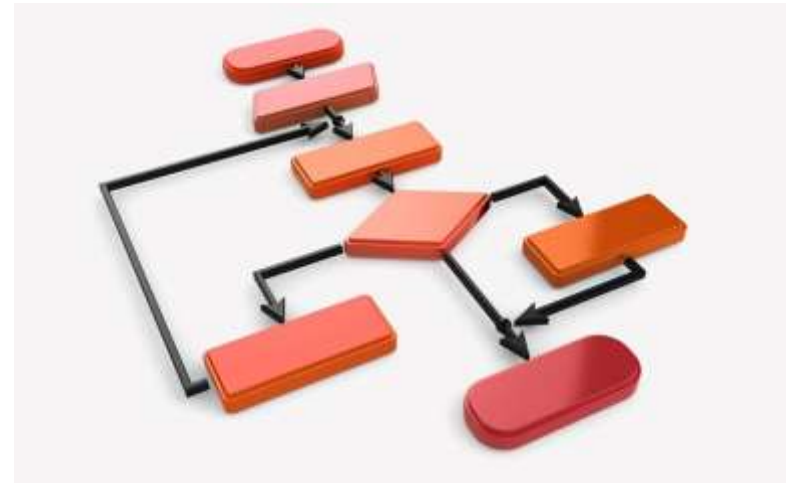
- ❖ Whole-of-Government efforts aimed at enhancing Singapore's national Anti Money-Laundering regime;
- ❖ Strong ACA-FIU communication channels;
- ❖ National risk assessment in 2013 and update in 2015;
- ❖ New dedicated AML department at Monetary Authority of Singapore



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3. Internal Guidance

- ❖ Structured process of updating internal Quality Practices (QPs)
- ❖ Provides guidance for investigation officers in managing key investigation processes.



Recommendations from Bangkok Conference – CPIB’s Perspectives

4. Protection of Reporting Persons and Witnesses

- ❖ Actively seeking out learning opportunities on witness and whistle-blower protection
 - 18th EUROPOL Network Conference on Witness Protection (Lithuania, May 2017)
 - APEC Workshop on Whistleblower Protection (Taipei, July 2017)



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Importance of Agency-to-Agency International Cooperation : Example

Malaysian Super League Match Fixing (2012)

- ❖ CPIB investigated match-fixing case involving a Malaysian referee, a former Malaysian international footballer and a Singaporean.
- ❖ All three charged in court for corruption offences.



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- ❖ Excellent informal cooperation with MACC
 - Sharing of surveillance data
 - Obtaining warrants of arrest
 - Arrest of former Malaysian international footballer involved
- ❖ Led to extradition of arrested Malaysian to Singapore and him being charged under the PCA of Singapore.



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Importance of Agency-to-Agency International Cooperation : New Developments

International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre

- ❖ Officially launched in July 2017;
- ❖ Specialist law enforcement officers from multiple foreign jurisdictions into single location;
- ❖ CPIB officer attached to IACCC since September 2017.



Looking Ahead

- ❖ Participation in current UNCAC review cycle
- ❖ Partnership with the UNODC to develop joint anti-corruption training programme
- ❖ Hosting of annual meetings under regional anti-corruption grouping (SEA-PAC) in 2018/2019



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Thank you



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